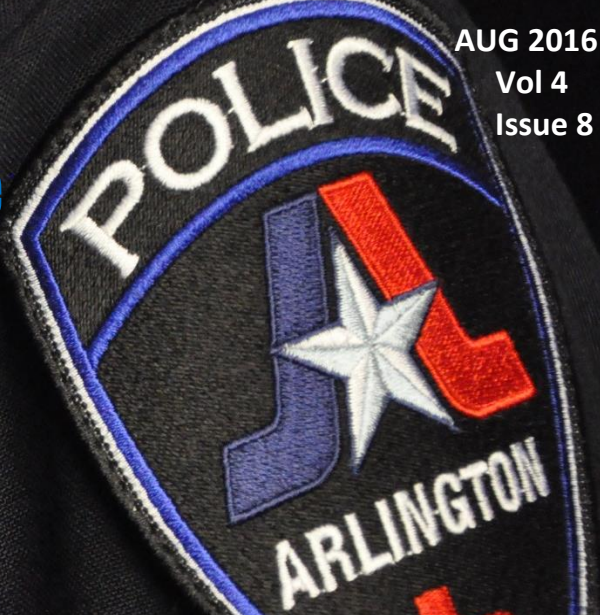


On Call Inside the Blue



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Arlington Police Department Selected to Advance 21st Century Policing Strategies

Fifteen Law Enforcement Agencies to Serve as Models for Community Policing Best Practices

The Arlington Police Department is helping to lead the way in community policing across America.

APD is one of 15 law enforcement agencies in the U.S. selected to participate in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative.

At a ceremony at the White House in Washington D.C. this summer, the cohort of 15 police agencies were each recognized for their forward-thinking approaches to building and maintaining collaborations and public trust in their communities.

Arlington and San Antonio PD were the only two Texas agencies chosen.

Through this initiative, Arlington is showcasing the work being done to strengthen relationships with the community and prevent crime.

APD youth programs such as Coach 5-0 and Mentoring Arlington Youth are also being highlighted.

The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing was established in 2014 to identify best practices and offer recommendations on how policing can promote effective crime reduction, build police legitimacy and public trust.

The task force is also examining many different aspects of policing, including oversight, technology, social media and training.

Their work comes at a time when events around the country have underscored the need for stronger relationships between police officers and the community.

"Trust is not built during a crisis, it is not built quickly, and no matter how much trust you build, it can erode over time," Chief Johnson told those who gathered in Washington for the announcement.

"Building public trust requires constant devotion to relationships and providing support to our community through personal and organizational actions."

"The men and women of the Arlington Police Department are honored to serve as a model agency and work alongside others to advance community policing efforts across the country," he said.

Look Ahead

Lieutenant Brook Rollins has been selected to chair a committee to support the next steps in this process.

This committee is working on projects associated with the goals identified in the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. This committee will also host site visits and work with assessment teams who will provide APD with training and technical assistance. Resource materials will be produced and made available as blueprints for the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies.

Since 1995, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion in grants for community policing across America.



At the COPS Office/Department of Justice news conference in Washington were: (Left to Right) Police Chief Will Johnson, Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams, Lt. Tarrick McGuire and City Manager Trey Yelverton. Lt. McGuire is a 2016 Executive Fellow with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



Lt. Brook Rollins leads a committee on Advancing 21st Century Policing. He has been with APD since 2002.

As National Night Out Nears, Free Pizza is on the Way to One Block Party



Deputy Chief Os Flores announces the winner of 10 free pizzas for National Night Out 2016. [Click here to watch.](#)

The lead organizer of a neighborhood gathering in the 400 block of Quail Roost Lane won't have to worry about running out of food during National Night Out.

Chuck Chambers has won 10 free pizzas! With the additional party food on the way, this Arlington resident says he'll extend a welcome invitation to more of the neighbors in his area.

National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 4.

This month, the Arlington Police Department drew the pizza party prize winner from among more than 80 neighborhood groups who registered their National Night Out activity early. Mr. Chambers says this will be his neighborhood's sixth year of gathering

outdoors in their cul de sac.

"We get together, have fun, talk about our neighborhood, our city and other issues," he said. "Throughout the year, we keep a watch out on everyone."

Every year, National Night Out is a city-wide celebration of police and community partnerships. It is an opportunity to promote and encourage active participation in crime prevention programs.

On Oct. 4, grills will be fired up. Some neighborhoods will have food trucks, music, dancing, and games for kids.

Arlington ranks third in the U.S. in National Night Out participation. It's not too late to get involved. [Click here.](#)

Stay social on Facebook: On National Night Out, like us on FB and share your pics using #APDNNO16.

NORTH DISTRICT

YOUTH CORNER

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations! A new High School Citizens Police Academy Class is now in session. Graduation is slated for December.

For more information, call Officer Richard Morrison at 817-459-6040.

Youth scholarship opportunities are available for those who reside in the city limits of Arlington or attend an Arlington school:

Enter the Arlington MLK Art and Essay competitions. The theme is: A Nation of Freedom and Justice.

Winners will be announced in December. To enter, click [here](#).

Also, check out the Spirit of Service Scholarship for TCC and UT Arlington students at www.ArlingtonMLK.com.



The Most Amazing Race Raises Funds for Families in Need

The Salvation Army recently hosted its third annual The Most Amazing Race. Like the popular show that can be seen worldwide on television, the Salvation Army has created its own version of this exciting event and it takes place right here in Arlington.

This year's race was made up of 14 teams. Teams followed clues to reach checkpoints where they completed a task before moving to the next location. A total of 10 locations were set up along the way. Some of the

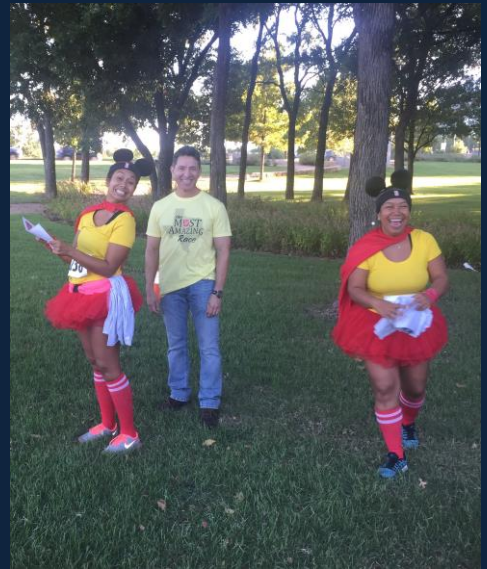
locations included the north Arlington YMCA, AT&T Stadium and GlobeLife Park.

Our very own, Academy Sergeant Jimmy Salinas, took the lead at one of the locations where teams completed various mental and physical fitness challenges. This was a fun way of showcasing some of Arlington's police academy training and pay tribute to our fallen officers. There was rock climbing and problem solving.

In order to compete, each team of two was required to raise a minimum of \$250. One team raised \$1,000, which gave them a five-minute head start on the competition. Every year, the proceeds raised from this competition benefit the Arlington based Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is a safe place for families in need of support and provides meals and afterschool care for children.

A special thanks to all of this year's competitors. Get ready. Next year's race will feature our city's first responders.



Since the Most Amazing Race started in 2014, more than \$50,000 has been raised to support the Salvation Army and the community programs they provide to families in need. The Salvation Army operates 7,546 centers in communities across the U.S.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the North Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

SOUTH DISTRICT

Everyone Pitches In to Help Mansfield ISD Students Get Ready for School

The South Police District was one of many community partners who teamed up with the Mansfield Independent School District for a successful Back to School Bash on Aug. 13.

It was important for the Arlington Police Department to take an active role in this effort because approximately 40 percent of all M.I.S.D. students live in the south police district. Close to 4,500 backpacks stuffed with new school supplies were distributed thanks to the 250 volunteers who showed up to assist.



The Mansfield Performing Arts Center was the site for back-to-school readiness.

There were more than 200 vendors, including community groups, businesses, health and nutritional services as well as after-school programs.

Many of the students got free haircuts and styles along with free health screenings.

This was a great event for the cities of Arlington and Mansfield and the Arlington Police Department was proud to play a role in helping to make this event a success for our families in the South Police District.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Timothy Hayden at 817-459-6468 or Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov.

BACK THE BLUE

The Arlington Police Foundation Golf Tournament is Thursday, **OCT. 6.**

817-459-6424



EAST DISTRICT

Multicultural Event Allows Residents to Connect and Celebrate

On Aug. 5, the East Police District hosted a Multicultural Celebration at the Bob Duncan Center.

This annual event continues to bring many different cultures together to interact, share and learn from one another. The center was filled with music and dance performances and a variety of different ethnic foods.

The program featured more than 12 acts, representing Mexico, Spain, Africa, Argentina, Hawaii and China. One of the stage acts featured one of our very own.

Sergeant Aaron Oden and his dance partner, Regan Barolet, showed off their country-western dancing skills. Their performance showed the community that officers are people, too, and we have talent and enjoy performing and participating in community events.

Although admission to this year's celebration was free, everyone attending was asked to bring children's books, which were later donated to the Arlington Public Library.

Thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who contributed and to the performers who shared their different traditions with us. And a special thanks to the community who supported the event.



817-459-5725



CONGRATULATIONS

Arlington Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Class #32 is now in session. Participants are completing an 11-week academy course about public safety, crime prevention and learning more about the Arlington Police Department.

SAVE THE DATE: Graduation is Nov. 16.

Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Aumedes at 817-459-5817 or Natalia.Aumedes@Arlingtontx.gov.

WEST DISTRICT

Bailey Junior High School Backs the Blue

On an early Monday morning in August, two football teams from Bailey Junior High arrived at the West Police District Station.

The reason for their visit was to give us donations they had recently collected. These young men unloaded cases of bottled water, Gatorade, sodas, and many boxes of snacks. These items will be readily available to Arlington officers as they head out for patrol duty.

After the police officer shootings in Dallas earlier this summer, these teens said they wanted the officers in Arlington to know how much they were appreciated.

The coaches from the school accompanied the team, wearing T-shirts with #BaileyBacksTheBlue on the back.

Many officers arrived at the West Station to show their appreciation for what this football team was doing. Police Chief Will Johnson spoke to the team about the importance of teamwork and sacrifice and he introduced Detective Brian Jones, who is mentoring student athletes as part of the Coach 5-0 Program.

The West Police District would like to publicly thank the football coaches, team players and administrators at Bailey Junior High for this great unexpected surprise.



BASEBALL FANS SHOW APPRECIATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT



Police Chief Will Johnson threw out the first pitch at Globe Life Park on Sept. 17 during Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Chief Johnson tweeted: "Proud to represent my cops, tonight." Officers from Arlington and throughout the D/FW Metroplex met on the field for a special pre-game presentation and fans wore blue to show their appreciation.

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the West Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

27th Annual Event Raises Funds for Abused, Neglected Children



RIVER LEGACY PARK _ The 27th Annual Communities Against Crime 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk returned Aug. 27 to Arlington's River Legacy Park. People of all ages joined the excitement, helping to raise funds that will benefit the Community Partners of Tarrant County, a non-profit, charitable organization that helps abused and neglected children being assisted by Child Protective Services. In 2016, there were 171 child deaths in Texas from abuse and neglect and 16 of those deaths occurred in Tarrant County.



The participating law enforcement agencies included Arlington, Bedford, Benbrook, Euless, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Hurst, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Tarrant County College, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and UT Arlington. Together, these agencies are helping to make Tarrant County a safer place for children.

Photos: Courtesy of Phil Kabakoff

Good Police Work: Officers Capture Three Apartment Burglary Suspects In the Act

Officers responding to a burglary in progress arrived just in time to capture three suspects in the act.

According to a police report, the burglary was occurring in an apartment complex in the East Police District during the afternoon hours of Aug. 24. A neighbor called 9-1-1 to report loud noises coming from a downstairs unit. The tenant was not home and had been out of the state for days.

Officers arrived and arrested two males inside a ransacked apartment.

A third male tried to evade arrest and was captured. Officers say there were numerous broken windows.

"It appeared this apartment had been broken into a few days ago and the suspects had been going back and forth, removing the victim's property when we caught them in the act," said Sergeant Tim Anderson. Witnesses also provided responding officers with good information.

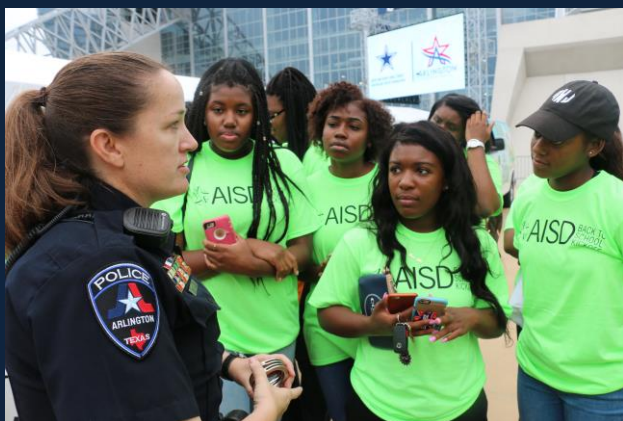
When contacted by phone, the victim told officers she had electronics, including a flat screen television in the apartment. She told officers she'd given no one permission to enter her home while she was away.

This is another good example of what happens when an observant individual sees or hears suspicious activity and immediately calls 9-1-1 to report it to the police.



Want to learn more about what suspicious activity is? Join a Citizens Police Academy. [Click here.](#)

Back to School Driver Safety



Just in time for a new school year, DWI Officer Stacie Brown talks driver safety education with this group of high school seniors attending the AISD Back to School Kickoff. At the APD Safety booth, students were reminded to never drink and drive. They were told to avoid distractions in the vehicle such as texting and driving. Some students expressed an interest in law enforcement, asking Officer Brown about training and police work. Learn more about the Police Academy, [click here.](#)



Detective Daisey Blanco, Officer Alex Vara, Officer Alex Rosado and Detective Trisha Walker

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE - Thanks to a scholarship from Amigos En Azul, a Sam Houston High School junior has enrolled in a tuition free, dual-credit criminal justice course at UT Arlington as part of the Hometown Recruiting Program. This teen is now on a fast track to earning her college degree and pursuing her dream of a rewarding career with the Arlington Police Department. Amigos En Azul, which means "Friends in Blue," is comprised of Hispanic police officers and APD civilian employees who invest in the Arlington community. Thank you!



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